



State Library of Massachusetts - Special Collections Department

# Ms. Coll. 54

## Robert B. Ambler Papers, 1979-1990: Guide

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:** Ambler, Robert B.

**Call Number:** Ms. Coll. 54

**Extent:** 2 boxes (1 linear foot)

**Preferred Citation Style:** *Folder Title, Box Number #.* Robert B. Ambler Papers. State Library of Massachusetts Special Collections.

**About This Finding Aid:** Description based on DACS.

**Provenance:** Gift of Representative Robert B. Ambler, 1990.

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**Abstract:** This collection documents Ambler's activities as a Representative from the 4<sup>th</sup> Norfolk District to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection includes materials documenting Ambler's efforts to make his constituents aware of his day to day actions on their behalf, including correspondence with newspapers and press releases, and North Weymouth Civic League newsletters which include "Dear Neighbor" letters written by Ambler. Also included in this collection are materials documenting legislation sponsored by Ambler, materials documenting his efforts to establish the William K. Webb State Park, and material on the Tax Amnesty Program proposed by Ambler.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Representative Robert B. Ambler was born in Braintree in 1927. He attended the University of Massachusetts and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the 4<sup>th</sup> Norfolk District from 1965 to 1990. From 1972 to 1975, he also served as a Weymouth Selectman. During his term in the House, he served on several committees, including the Election Laws and Rules Committee and the Redistricting Committee. He was also Chairman of the Government Relations Committee.

Ambler was a member of the Democratic Town Committee in Weymouth and he served on the Norfolk Agriculture High School Advisory Committee. According to the Massachusetts Political Almanac, Ambler's priorities while in office were: to work for a healthy economy and increase employment for the citizens of Massachusetts, to propose and support legislation to protect citizens (particularly senior citizens), and to assist senior citizens on fixed incomes. Some of his key votes were for child care linkage, banning assault weapons, and a drinking age of 21. He voted against a Capital Gains tax, gay rights, and abortion.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### ***Arrangement***

The papers are arranged in their original order.

### ***Conditions Governing Access***

This collection is open for research during the Special Collections Department's regular hours.

### ***Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use***

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### ***Languages and Scripts***

The materials are entirely in English.

### ***Immediate Source of Acquisition***

Gift of Representative Robert B. Ambler, 1990.

### ***Container List***

| <b>Box #</b> | <b>Folder #</b> | <b>Folder Title</b>                          | <b>Date</b>    |
|--------------|-----------------|--|----------------|
| 1            | 1               | Correspondence                               | 1983-1990      |
| 1            | 2-3             | Press Releases                               | ca. 1980s-1990 |
| 2            | 4               | North Weymouth Civic Association Newsletters | 1984-1990      |
| 2            | 5-13            | Legislation                                  | 1979-1989      |
| 2            | 14              | William K. Webb State Park                   | undated        |
| 2            | 15              | Tax Amnesty Program                          | 1984           |